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SUBJECT: AJA ESPIL ON SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: STATE 247918

1. APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AJA ESPIL'S OBSERVATIONS REPORTED REFTTEL. WE WILL SHORTLY BE CABLING OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SCOPE PAPER FOR VISIT AS WELL AS PROPOSALS FOR HANDLING SPECIFIC ITEMS. PRESIDENCY HAS PROMISED US FOR OCT 19 AN AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA, TOGETHER WITH A DISCUSSION OF THEIR OBJECTIVES FOR VISIT. IN LIGHT OF THAT INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MORE REALISTIC AND PRODUCTIVE.

2. PROPOSE THAT SECRETARY STAY AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE. AN INFORMAL READING SUGGESTS THAT SY WILL SUPPORT THIS. SINCE NEW CHANCERY IS NOT FINISHED, WE SEE DRAWBACKS TO SECRETARY PRESIDING OVER AN OPENING CEREMONY. IF IT APPEARS USEFUL AND TIME PERMITS, SOME SPECIAL ACTIVITY RECOGNIZING NEW BUILDING CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. AJA ESPIL'S VIEWS SEEM SIGNIFICANT IN THAT THEY SURFACED ARGENTINE POSITION SUGGESTING

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A TRADEOFF BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. SEVERAL LOCAL EVIDENCES OF THIS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN EMBASSY MESSAGES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. WE READ PARA 2 OF REFTEL AS REPRESENTING GOA'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE FOR VISIT AND FOR USG-GOA BILATERAL RELATIONS: APPEARANCE OF EUQAL TREATMENT TO THAT ACCORDED TO BRAZIL.

4. SCHEDULE FOR VISIT PROPOSED IN BA 7721-1 SUFFERED FROM SHORT LEAD TIME AND CHRONIC INABILITY OF FONOFF TO MOVE RAPIDLY ON ANY ISSUE INVOLVING PRESIDENT. FONOFF HAD PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH ALL THREE JUNTA MEMBERS, WHICH WE (AND PRESIDENT'S STAFF) CONSIDER INAPPROPRIATE. PRESIDENT VIDELA IS REVIEWING PLANS FOR VISIT WITH FONMIN MONTES TODAY, SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORWARD A MORE REALISTIC PROGRAM PROPOSAL OCT 20. BEARING IN MIND EARLY DEPARTURE NOV 22, WE ARE URGING THAT MONTES GIVE A RECEPTION RATHER THAN DINNER.
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